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SUBJECT: SHIPYARD FOR KSEC AT OKPO

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1. EMBASSY DOES NOT UNDERSTAND USE OF TERM SMOKESCREEN IN REFTEL. NAMKOONG'S EXPRESS PURPOSE IN VISITING U.S. WAS TO FINALIZE EXIM BANK LOAN, AND TO VISIT U.S. SHIPYARDS TO LEARN WHOSE AND WHAT EQUIPMENT IS IN THESE YARDS. KSEC WAS NOT INTERESTED IN EQUITY PARTICIPATION BY U.S. SHIPYARDS. NAMKOONG WANTS BUILD GOOD SHIPYARD AND WANTS BEST EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE. HE EXPECTS PROCURE BULK OF YARD'S EQUIPMENT FROM U.S. SOURCES UNDER EXIM BANK LOAN, BUT BELIEVES THAT SOME ITEMS - ESPECIALLY GOLIATH GANTRY CRANE AND PERHAPS N/C PLATE CUTTER - MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FROM U.S. SOURCES. AS WE SEE IT, IMMEDIATE TASK IS TO GET EXIM BANK LOAN SIGNED ASAP AND THEN WORK ON PROCUREMENT. ROKG HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS PROJECT WILL BE APPROVED WITH EXIM BANK FINANCING; WE DO NOT THINK THEY WILL LIGHTLY TURN TO OTHER SOURCES AT THIS STAGE.

2. WITH REGARD TO ENGINEERING, KSEC ITSELF HAS ENGINEERING
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STAFF CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING PRELIMINARY CIVIL WORKS FOR

CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING IN OCTOBER. NEED FOR U.S. - OR
OTHER FOREIGN - ENGINEERING ON YARD LAYOUT IS RECOGNIZED
BY KSEC, BUT IT IS UP TO PARSONS TO SELL THEMSELVES. WE
SUGGEST THAT THEY CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THROUGH AND MAKE SURE
TO MEET WITH NAMKOONG.

3. WE WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN AS MUCH INFO REQUESTED IN REFTEL
PARA 7 AS WE CAN BEFORE NAMKOONG'S RETURN, AND MEET WITH HIM
AFTER HE ARRIVES KOREA. THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO APPROACH ROKG
OFFICIALS WITH INDICATION THERE IS ANY QUESTION ABOUT U.S.
ABILITY SUPPLY MOST OF EQUIPMENT FOR THIS YARD. IN MEANTIME,
ANY EFFORTS COMMERCE CAN MAKE TO BRING U.S SUPPLIERS AND
NAMKOONG TOGETHER WILL BE USEFUL. IN THIS CONNECTION
ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SHIPYARD VISITS IS APPRECIATED.
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